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MEMORANDUM

TO: District Directors of Special Education

FROM: Rebecca C. Davis, Director, Office of Special Education Services
Sarah C. Longshore, Director, Office of Federal and State Accountability

DATE: January 22, 2020

RE: Correction Memo: Essentials of Technology Course for the South Carolina High School Credential

This memorandum will replace the memorandum sent to the field on August 19, 2019.

The Offices of Special Education Services (OSES) and Federal and State Accountability (OFSA) are pleased to announce an Essentials of Technology course (and corresponding course code) designed for students participating in the South Carolina High School Credential (SCHSC) course of study. Beginning August 2019, all South Carolina school districts will offer appropriate students with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) the opportunity to earn technology course credit that will meet the technology requirement of the SCHSC. With maintained documentation of collaboration and notation in PowerSchool, an appropriately certified general education teacher or a special education teacher may teach this course. A general education teacher assigned to teach the course must be certified in a certification field appropriate for the grade-level. A special education teacher assigned to teach the course must be certified in an area of special education appropriate for at least 50% of the students in the class.

The identified course code for the Essentials of Technology course is 39M8__0W.

- If a special education teacher is teaching the course, the fifth and sixth figures of the course code will need to be replaced with the two digit code for the appropriate special education teacher certification. These codes can be found in the Special Education section of the South Carolina Activity Coding Manual. Again, the special education teacher must hold certification in a field appropriate for at least 50% of the students in the class.

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- If a general education teacher is teaching the course, the fifth and sixth figures of the course code must be replaced with “GC” indicating that the general education teacher holds a certification appropriate for the grade-level.

The [Essentials of Technology course](#) emphasizes the Computer Science course of study aligned to the South Carolina Computer Science High School Standards. This course of integrated content and process standards will enable students to develop world-class knowledge, skills, life, and career characteristics identified in the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate as a computer literate student.

If you have any questions related to the Essentials of Technology course, please email Tabitha Strickland, OSES Education Associate, at tstrickland@ed.sc.gov; for questions related to course codes, please email Karen Cook, OFSA Team Lead, at kcook@ed.sc.gov.

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